

# **City of Huntington Beach**

## **Minimum Requirements for Fireworks Booths**

Retail sales of "Safe and Sane Fireworks" are permitted only from within a temporary fireworks stand. Retail sales from any other building or structure are prohibited. Temporary stands shall be subject to the most current edition of *NFPA 1124 Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*, as well as the following requirements

### **Location and Approval**

- Every booth is required to have the individual responsible for booth operations attend a Stand Operator Safety Seminar conducted by the permitted fireworks wholesaler.
- A Temporary Activity Permit is required to be reviewed and approved by the following departments: Planning and Building, Public Works, Police and Fire.
- An Operational Permit for Explosives must be obtained from the Fire Department.
- An Electrical Permit must be obtained from the Building Department for booths that have electrical service and/or generators.
- A California Seller's Permit must be obtained or confirmed through the Business License Office.
- Ingress and egress to the site shall be reviewed by Public Works to ensure that no undue traffic safety hazard will be created.
- The fireworks stand shall be located along an accessible path of travel. Cross slope not to exceed 2%. (*CBC 1114B.1.2*)
- Temporary stands shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from any roadway/curb and 30 feet away from any combustibles. Additionally, the stand shall be a minimum of 35 feet from any structures, recreational vehicles or trailers.
- The sale or discharge of fireworks is not permitted within 100 feet of any flammable combustible liquid storage, pump or dispensing device, or on any property where there are flammable liquids stored or dispensed.
- A minimum of 10 off-street parking spaces shall be provided.
- Proof of property owner authorization must be provided before any permits will be issued.

### **Booth Requirements**

- Electrical circuits, wiring, devices and lighting are prohibited in temporary stands unless such installation has been made under a valid electrical permit obtained at the City of Huntington Beach Building Department. No permit shall be required for battery-operated portable lighting devices.
- All electrical lighting and receptacles shall have GFCI protection. (*CEC 590.6*)
- All exposed lamps shall be protected from accidental contact or breakage by suitable guards. (*CEC 590.4(F)*)
- All cables shall be identified for hard or extra-hard usage. (*CEC 590.4*)
- All wiring shall be in rigid conduit, flex conduit, or construction grade temporary cords and properly grounded.
- Electrical connections shall be at least 12 feet above ground, when subject to foot traffic, and at least 16 feet above ground when subject to automobile and truck traffic.
- All stands must be constructed of either wood or metal, studs of sufficient size to adequately support the roof, and shall have an exterior of noncombustible material.
- Service openings will be a minimum of 40 inches from the ground level, with at least 12 inches of ½ inch wire mesh at the bottom of such service openings.
- A minimum of 30 inch aisles shall be maintained and kept clear to all exits.
- Each stand erected will have not less than two (2) exits. Such exits shall be placed as to provide immediate egress from either end of the stand. Exit doors will be installed in such a manner as to be readily operable from the interior without special knowledge, effort or tools, including keys.
- Locking or latching devices are not permitted on the inside of stand doors.
- Slide bolts, hook/eye and other types of locks are not permitted, and must be removed.

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- A locked padlock shall be placed through the latch of the stand's exterior locking device in the locked position to prevent the door from being locked from the outside whenever the stand is occupied.
- The stand shall be equipped with suitable covers or shutters to completely seal off the service openings during those hours the stand is not in operation.
- No fuel-powered generator or similar equipment shall be allowed within 50 feet of a fireworks stand.

#### **Booth Operation**

- Signs shall be posted on the interior and exterior of the stand stating that the minimum age to purchase fireworks is 18 years of age.
- An informational flyer shall be posted on the outside of the stand that indicates the areas and times that the fireworks may be discharged.
- The sale of fireworks is limited to the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:00 p.m. on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- No smoking is allowed within 30 feet of any temporary stand. All temporary stands are required to have "No Smoking" signs posted both on the interior of the stand and outside near all exterior openings.
- There shall be no drinking or storage of alcoholic beverages in or around a temporary stand at any time.
- At minimum, a Class 2A fire extinguisher shall be placed and maintained in locations that are readily accessible for use, and each person who intends to assist in the operation of a temporary stand will receive instruction on their location and use.
- Whenever a temporary stand is being provided with electrical power from a gasoline-powered generator, an additional 10BC, dry chemical, fire extinguisher shall be installed.
- No person under the age of 18 shall be allowed to sell or participate in the sales of fireworks nor be allowed inside the stand at any time.
- No person other than the individuals who are members of the permittee and /or joint venture nonprofit organizations(s) or the wives, husbands, parents or adult children of such members shall sell or otherwise participate in the sale of "Safe and Sane fireworks" at such stand.
- No person shall be paid any consideration by the permittee nonprofit organization(s) or any wholesaler/distributor of "Safe and Sane Fireworks" for selling or otherwise participating in the sale of "Safe and Sane Fireworks" at such stand. The only exceptions to this are for licensed security personnel, the property owner of the stand location and members of the Fourth of July Executive Board.
- No person shall be permitted to remain inside a temporary stand during non-business hours, except for the initial construction of the stand and for loading and unloading of merchandise.
- No person shall light or cause or permit to be lighted any match, fireworks, device or other combustible article within a temporary stand or within 30 feet of a temporary stand.
- No electrical appliances of any description, except permanently installed lights or battery-operated devices, are permitted within any temporary stand.
- An informational flyer shall be included with every sale that indicates the areas and times that the fireworks may be discharged.
- The permittee shall maintain a 30 foot area in all directions around each temporary stand in a neat and orderly manner, free from all weeds, trash, rubbish and other debris.
- Fireworks shall be stored or kept only inside the temporary stand. Fireworks shall not be stored in any garage, home, automobile or other structure, unless expressly authorized on the Temporary Activity Permit.
- Each temporary stand will have one or more designated persons over the age of 21 who will act and serve as a watchperson for the temporary stand during all hours when the stand is not in operation selling fireworks. The designated person must be pre-approved by the Chief of Police or his/her designee, prior to the installation of the temporary stand at the designated location. The designated watchperson will remain outside but within eyesight of the temporary stand.
- The facility shall be removed and the premises cleared of all debris and restored to the condition prior to the establishment within 10 calendar days of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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# SAMPLE SITE PLAN – Fireworks Stand

- Each application must be accompanied by a fully dimensioned site plan, drawn to scale, showing the exact location of the proposed fireworks stand. The plan must include all structures and improvements located within 35 feet of the fireworks stand. When preparing this plan, all stands must be erected a minimum of 100 feet from any gasoline service station. Failure to submit required site plan that meet these standards shall be grounds for denial of the application.
- This diagram may be submitted on the Temporary Activity Permit or on a separate , attached page.

